

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

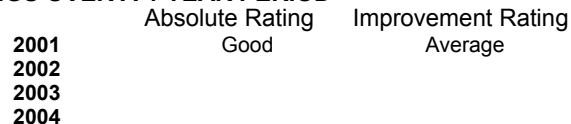
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 82.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

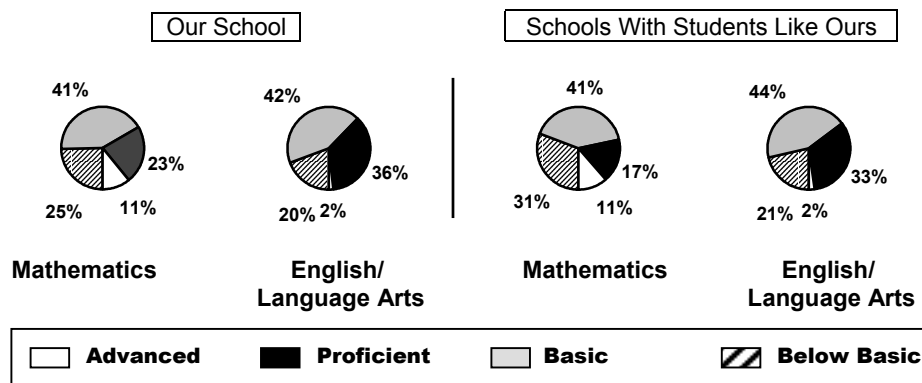
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=276)	80.4	75.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=42)	59.5	42.6		
Students without disabilities (n=228)	86.4	82.1		
Gender				
Male (n=120)	75.8	73		
Female (n=149)	87.9	77.9		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=49)	69.4	50.9		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=206)	84.5	80.8		
Other (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=144)	76.4	69.3		
Pay for lunch (n=126)	88.9	82.5		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,865	N/A	\$5,195	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.5%	Up from 87.8%	90%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.7 to 1	N/A	19 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=572)				
• Attendance Rate	94.8%	Down from 95.8%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	5.2%	N/A	4.3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	5.4%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	97.6%	Up from 84.8%	95.9%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.4%	Down from 2.1%	3.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=48)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.3 Days	Up from 7	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.8%	Up from 93%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	43.8%	Up from 34.1%	48.7%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	70.8%	Down from 81.8%	83%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4.2%	Up from 0%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.7%	N/A	87.9%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,736	Up 8.1%	\$37,937	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	67%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	4	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	98.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	48.7%	Up from 29.7%	41.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0%	1.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	27	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	8%	Down from 8.1%	13.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	12.2%	Up from 10.9%	9.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

At Socastee Elementary School, now in our fifth year, we continue to grow academically, culturally, and socially. While challenged by a very diverse and transient population, student performances show evidence of much progress. We were presented with the Horry County Schools Pacesetter Award for significant achievement in meeting PACT performance.

Other accomplishments include:

- We received the Literacy Spot Award from the S.C. Reading Recovery Advisory Council.
- 168 students who met their personal Accelerated Reader goals and school requirements participated in "Books on the Beach."
- Noel Dang, a fifth grade student, placed third in the Horry-Georgetown County Spelling Bee.
- Kayla Hensley, another fifth grader, was selected to perform with the S.C. Elementary Honors Chorus.
- Our students and staff contributed significantly in a variety of community service projects such as Pennies for Pasta, the American Heart Association Walk, and Jump Rope for Heart.

Our teachers have worked very hard this year to further meet individual student needs. The Everyday Math program has been implemented at all grade levels. An After School Achievement Academy was provided to serve identified students. Larson's Math, the CCC reading and math programs, and benchmark assessments were utilized to accommodate and personalize learning. A Writing Club and a Reading Club were created to advance student progress. Weekly Brain Boosters for second graders enhanced critical thinking skills. Math enrichment sessions were implemented for fifth graders. COPE officers presented weekly life skills through literature. Eight teachers participated in the Governor's Reading Initiative Program. Kindergarten and fourth grade teachers were afforded opportunities to observe successful programs at other school sites.

We appreciate our PTO and School Improvement Council who have devoted the past two years to school safety. Much effort ensured placement of fencing around the back campus, and funds are now being raised to provide additional security equipment for the facility.

At this school, we work collaboratively to demonstrate and celebrate our theme:
"Socastee Elementary - A Wonderful Place to Grow!"
Carolyn Floyd, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.9	87.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.6	84.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	62.2	90.9	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Socastee Elementary
4950 Socastee Boulevard
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 572 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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